



CITY OF MORGAN HILL  
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Dennis Kennedy, Mayor  
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Steve Tate, Council Member

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2004**

**AGENDA**

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**

**5:00 P.M.**

*A Special Meeting of the City Council is called at 5:00 P.M. for the Purpose of Conducting a Workshop.*

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**Dennis Kennedy, Mayor**

**CALL TO ORDER**

(Mayor Kennedy)

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

(City Clerk Torrez)

**DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA**

**Per Government Code 54954.2**

(City Clerk Torrez)

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**NOW IS THE TIME FOR COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA.**

(See notice attached to the end of this agenda.)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS APPEARING ON THIS AGENDA WILL BE TAKEN AT THE TIME  
THE ITEM IS ADDRESSED BY THE COUNCIL. PLEASE COMPLETE A SPEAKER CARD AND  
PRESENT IT TO THE CITY CLERK.**

(See notice attached to the end of this agenda.)

**PLEASE SUBMIT WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CITY CLERK/AGENCY SECRETARY. THE  
CITY CLERK WILL FORWARD CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CITY COUNCIL.**

***City Council Action***

**WORKSHOP:**

	<b>Time Estimate</b>		<b>Page</b>
1.	120 Minutes	<b><u>REVIEW OF THE TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DOWNTOWN PLAN</u></b> ..... <b><u>Recommended Action(s): Provide</u></b> Direction on Criteria for Traffic Calming on Monterey Road within the Downtown.	<b>1</b>

**FUTURE COUNCIL-INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS:**

Note: in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2(a), there shall be no discussion, debate and/or action taken on any request other than providing direction to staff to place the matter of business on a future agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT**



## **CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

**WORKSHOP DATE:** *October 13, 2004*

**Agenda Item # 1**

**Prepared By:**

**Senior Planner**

**Approved By:**

**Planning Manager**

**Submitted By:**

**City Manager**

### **REVIEW OF THE TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DOWNTOWN PLAN.**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):** Provide direction on criteria for traffic calming on Monterey Rd. within the downtown.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** In May 2003, the City Council conceptually approved the update of the Downtown Plan. The Downtown Plan is the result of the efforts of a Downtown Task Force appointed by the City Council and the Cannon Design Group. The Downtown Plan will replace a current plan adopted in 1980.

The proposed Downtown plan contains the following urban design and circulation goals:

Urban Design: There is a strong desire to reduce the physical and visual barrier of Monterey Road with regard to uses on either side and a strong need to improve pedestrian safety by slowing traffic through downtown.

Circulation: Additional studies will be prepared to determine whether any street or intersection modifications may be required. Changes will be made to improve pedestrian safety, increase the visual appeal of downtown, and accommodate long term circulation improvements envisioned in the Morgan Hill General Plan.

The proposed Downtown Plan identifies two options for the implementation of the above referenced goals. Option one, is the narrowing of Monterey Rd. to one lane in each direction. Option two, is the use of various traffic calming techniques.

Prior to the City Council's formal adoption of the Downtown Plan, the plan will need to be evaluated in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, CEQA. One of the components of the CEQA document is a traffic impact analysis which assesses the potential traffic impacts resulting from the implementation of the plan. The traffic report for the draft CEQA document has been completed.

The purpose of the workshop is to understand and discuss the findings of the draft traffic study and receive early input from other affected public services such as the police department, fire department and the school district. Based on the workshop input and discussion, the Council is asked to give direction on the criteria to be used in evaluating traffic calming options.

Attached to this memo is an agenda outlining the workshop topics, a copy of the draft final traffic report and copies of the appropriate sections from the proposed Downtown Plan which discuss alterations to Monterey Road.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The Council has currently set aside \$100,000 of RDA funding for downtown Monterey Rd. improvements and \$25,000 for improvement design.

**Transportation Impact Analysis for the Downtown Plan**  
**City Council Workshop**  
**October 13, 2004**

**Workshop Agenda**

- I.** Overview of Downtown Plan Implementation Process.
  - A. Where we are in the CEQA process.
  - B. Objective stated in the Downtown Plan with respect to traffic calming.
- II.** Review of Downtown Plan Traffic Study.
  - A. Methodology
  - B. Findings
- III.** Introduction to Traffic Calming Options
  - A. Monterey Road Lane Reduction Option.
    - i. Temporary lane reduction
      - a. Methods for temporary lane reduction
      - b. Cost associated with temporary narrowing.
      - c. Available funding
    - ii. Permanent lane reduction
      - a. LOS impacts to alternate route street intersections.
      - b. General Plan Amendment and EIR required
      - c. Cost associated with permanent narrowing
      - d. Available funding
  - B. Other Traffic Calming Measures Option.
    - A. Existing traffic calming within the downtown.
    - B. Traffic calming measures available.
    - C. Application of various traffic calming measures in the downtown.
    - D. Costs associated with various calming measures.
- IV.** Input from Police, Fire and the School District on the Traffic Calming Options.
- V.** City Council Discussion/Direction on the Criteria for reviewing the Traffic Calming Options.
- VI.** Next Steps
  - A. End of Public Comment Period on the Environmental Report.
  - B. Planning Commission and City Council Hearing Dates.